



**July 22, 2009**

## **Urgent call to action!**

Dear Kitchen Cabinet members,

Even though you just received a legislative update from me earlier this week, I felt compelled to share with you the letter I have sent to our senators and representatives in Washington D.C. **I've decided it's time for me get involved because our elected national representatives have chosen to saddle us, our children and our grandchildren with an enormous tax burden.**

In my 15 years representing you, I've never written a letter to congress criticizing the decisions they make. However, in light of what has already been passed, I can no longer stand idly by while they prepare to pass yet another series of multi-billion and trillion dollar bills, including cap and trade and health care. These bills will seriously impact Washington State. As you know, we are a leading trade state in the U.S., and cap and trade will have a significant impact on our state's ability to compete, as will a government takeover of health care. To me, the situation has become so dire that I needed to send the letter below to Congress on your behalf.



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Dear Washington State Members of Congress,

As a Washington State Senator, I am getting many calls from constituents who are telling me of their concerns about the direction our country is headed. As you know, this is an extraordinarily trying time for American families, many of whom are struggling to make ends meet in their own household budgets. They are angry, frightened and dismayed about what is happening in the other Washington – Washington D.C.

I and many others believe Congress is failing America. Massive congressional spending will burden future generations with taxes and devalued money, and turn America into a debtor nation.

We are also very worried about the haste with which Congress is acting upon legislation that most in Congress won't read, but that we all will have to pay for. The \$700 billion of TARP money and the trillion dollar Federal "Stimulus" have done little to fix the recession and may even be prolonging it. These policies simply have not worked. Now Congress seems to be rushing into a multi-trillion dollar takeover of health care.

We simply can't tax and spend our way to prosperity. In looking back over past presidents and congresses, the successful ones were the ones who encouraged people to work and prosper. The ones who failed were the ones who discouraged people with excessive taxes and spending.

Legislation of this magnitude, with such far-reaching consequences, **must be read**, and I urge you, before you vote on any more multi-trillion dollar bills, please listen to the people you represent in this Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Carrell".

Mike Carrell  
Washington State Senator  
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The United States Constitution is fundamentally a rulebook for government. Its guiding principle is the idea that government does not become a source of corruptive power. The Founding Fathers wanted to guarantee that federal interference in the daily lives of citizens would be strictly limited. They also wanted to make sure that a minimal government role in the domestic economy would be financed and delivered at the state and local levels.

The federal government was never meant to grow so large that it could trample on the liberties of American citizens. The Tenth Amendment states clearly and unambiguously that powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

I believe the situation in Washington D.C. has reached a critical point, which is why I'm providing you with the names and contact information of our state's senators and representatives in Congress. **If you feel like I do, then it's time to get involved.** I invite you to engage and become part of the solution. Remember, your elected officials...*including myself*...work for you.

***NOTE: You can click on the Congressperson's name to send them an e-mail, however while a written letter takes longer it can often be far more effective in making your opinion known.***

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## In closing...

If you know someone in our district who might be interested in participating as well, please feel free to forward this e-mail to him or her.

As always, if you'd like to contact me you can write, phone, e-mail, or stop by my Olympia office. I look forward to your comments and suggestions because they help me better represent you. My office phone number is (360) 786-7654, and my home phone number is (253) 581-2859. Or you can write me at **102 Irv Newhouse Building, P.O. Box 40428, Olympia, WA 98504-0428.**



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